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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECVISIT LA: POLICY PROGRESS

REF: STATE 086618

1. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT TO CONGRESS AND, IN PARTICULAR, THOSE SECTIONS CONCERNING ARMS SALES POLICY TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE NEED FOR CONGRESS TO REVIEW CURRENT RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION IN FAVOR OF MORE FLEXIBLE POLICIES, I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER WAY FOR YOUR VISIT TO ACHIEVE SOLID PROGRESS IN US- PERUVIAN RELATIONS THAN RESOLUTION OF PRESENT FMS SUSPENSION TO PERU.

2. I UNDERSTAND THAT MEMORANDUM TO PRESIDENT YOU SIGNED RECENTLY RECOMMENDING HE EXERCISE STATUTORY WAIVER AUTHORITY IS NOW PENDING AT WHITE HOUSE. MILGOV HAS VITAL INTEREST IN MAINTAINING OPERATING CAPABILITIES OF ITS FORCES (PRESENTLY JEOPARDIZED BY LACK OF SPARE PARTS) AND WISHES PROCEED WITH MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. MOREOVER MILGOV HAS PREFERENCE FOR U. S. EQUIPMENT.

3. THEREFORE I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WAIVER BE EXPEDITED IN ORDER THAT YOU CAN PERSONALLY INFORM PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER THAT THIS IMPORTANT OBSTACLE IN OUR RELATIONS HAS BEEN FAVORABLY RESOLVED. I URGE THIS DESPITE RECENT
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EXPROPRIATION FISHMEAL COMPANIES AND OTHER SIMILAR BILATERAL
INVESTMENT PROBLEMS AS BEING IN BEST OVERALL INTERESTS U. S.
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MR. MC GONIGLE.

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